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 (LISTED BELOW) 1 Photograph\*

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1. During the period from 1 to 15 August 1951, the double-tracked northern rail loop 800 meters long which was dismantled in 1945, was reconstructed at the Berlin-Ostkreuz railroad station at a cost of approximately 350,000 eastmarks. (1)
2. The Frankfurt/Oder-Guben railroad line will be double-tracked this year. Construction work had not started by the beginning of August. (2)
3. Since the Eberswalde freight station is no longer adequate for the increased volume of loadings and unloadings in spite of the newly constructed Soviet section of the installation, another shipping station with four siding tracks and two loading ramps will be built east of the Eberswalde-Angermuende railroad line, south of the branch-off point of this line to Bad Freienwalde. The new shipping station is scheduled to be completed by 1 October 1951. The allotment gardens on the prospective construction site had to be evacuated at short notice. (3)
4. On 18 June 1951, source observed a major construction site near the Lohmen railroad station. The site was lighted by spotlights and guarded by Soviet soldiers armed with carbines and wearing red-bordered green epaulets. According to local residents, the large loading ramps, which were demolished in 1945, were to be reconstructed there. The German workers were restricted to their quarters, low wooden buildings. Further details were not available. (4)
5. In May 1951, a photograph was taken of the railroad bridge across the Havel River near Rathenow on the Berlin-Mendel railroad line. (5)

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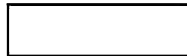
 Comments.

- (1) For sketch of this connecting curve, see Annex 1. The reconstructed rail link is believed to improve traffic conditions of the Berlin inter-urban railroad system in the Soviet-occupied sector of Berlin.

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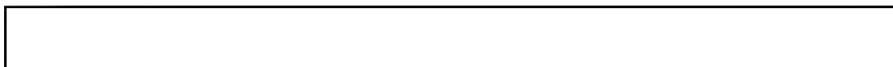


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- (2) The planned reconstruction of the second track on this line which connects two important border crossing points, was reported previously. [redacted] Work on the first stage of the project, the construction of the second track between Frankfurt Oder and Fuerstenberg/Oder, is to be started about 1 September 1951 in order to improve traffic conditions for the new Foundry Combine East in the Fuerstenberg area. [redacted]
- (3) The construction of the new shipping station is possibly connected with the construction of the rail link immediately northeast of Eberswalde which was reported previously. [redacted]. The concentration of Soviet supply depots in the Eberswalde-Pinow-Pinowfurt area probably necessitated such a makeshift measure.
- (4) Lohmen is on the formerly double-track Pirna-Fuerrochrsdorf-Arnsdorf railroad line, which has some importance as a link between the Goerlitz-Dresden and Prague-Dresden east-west routes. The second track of this line was dismantled in 1945/46. In 1938, numerous loading ramps were built for military purposes in this area bordering on Czechoslovakia.
- (5) For photograph of this bridge, see Annex 2. The emergency railroad bridge, which was built after 1945, was replaced by a permanent structure that was opened to traffic on 20 December 1950. As can be seen from the photograph, the bridge superstructure for a second track is still missing. However, this does not constitute a railroad bottleneck since the dismantled second track on the Berlin-Stendal railroad line has not yet been reconstructed. The bridge is about 175 meters long and has two spans of 35 meters each, two spans of 17 meters each, and one span 70 meters long. The photograph does not show all the spans.

Annexes: 2- one sketch on ditto, one photograph.

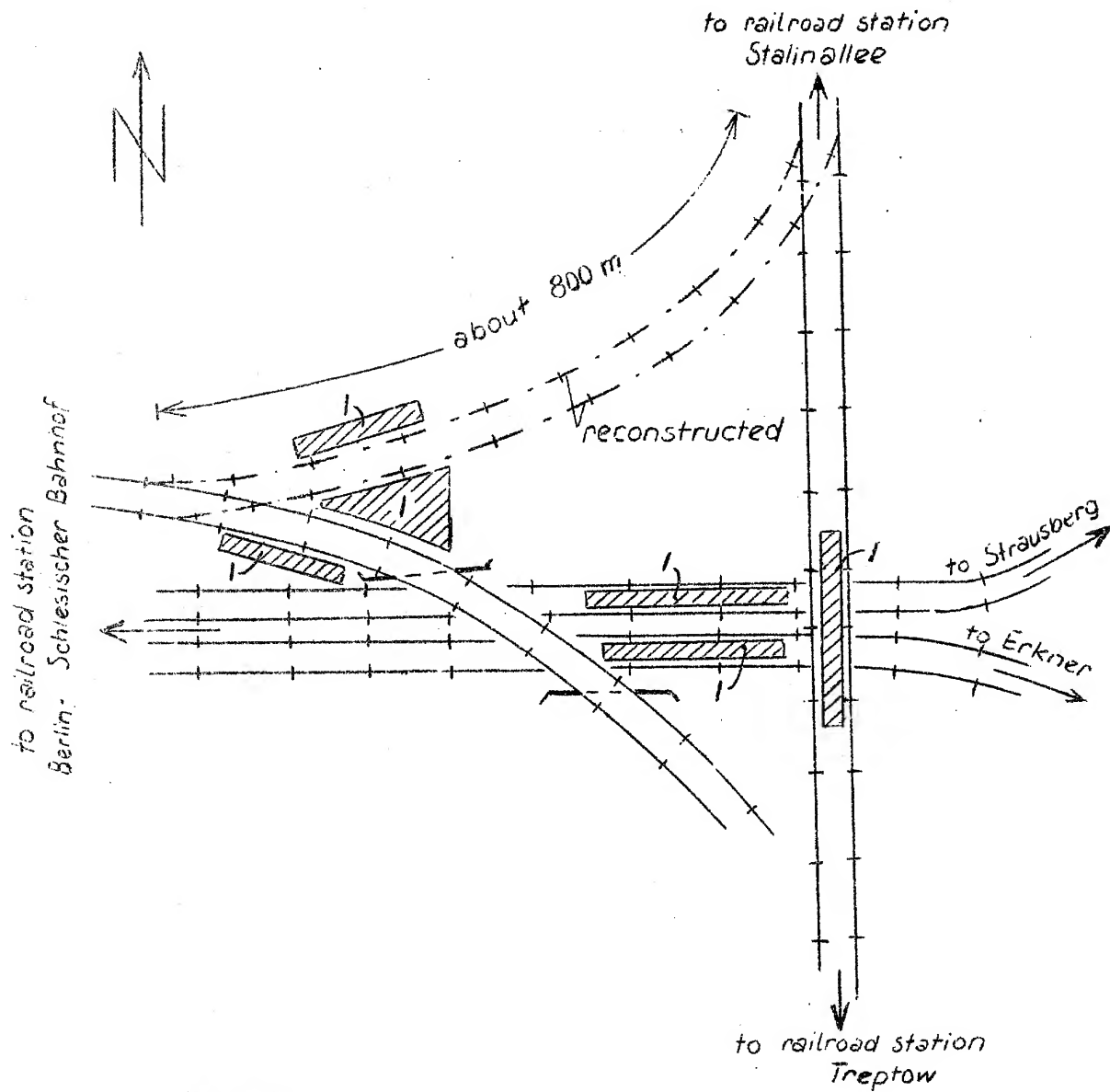


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Reconstruction of a Double-Track Rail Link  
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Legend:

1 Platforms

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